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perhaps Giddens, who can fully sympathize
with the Slave, or their friends, so far as I know.
It is rather a severe trial to ones feelings at
times, to receive the Curses of the Slave holders,
to be regarded as enthusiasts by your fellow
members not Slaveholders, to be sneered at
by Citizens, & have your name cast out for
evil, & then at the same time be regarded with
Suspicion by many Abolitionists at home,
accused of doing nothing for the Slave, and
denounced as half hearted snow ball abolitionists.
I know of them - My trust is in God however, I know he
appreciates our Condition, knows our motives,
judges our actions, & I pray him to direct our
Conduct - What ere becomes of us, the cause
goes on - How soon much strife & division counter
acts the efforts of Abolitionists, the cause of
Human Rights, progresses, & must triumph -
I do not see your paper - The Liberator, Emancipator
Friend of Man & Philanthropist I receive - Send me
occasionally a Number - Can you send me the
proceedings of the Boston Meeting at which
Leavitt made a speech - I should be happy
to receive a line from you Truly Yr friend

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Brother Seth M. Gates

want of proper early education &
subsequent discipline. unfits me for
doing any more - While my course as
to cutting entirely loose from party, has
not met the approbation of a party
of the Abolitionists of New York, I
believe I still have the confidence
of the great Mass of Abolitionists in
New York, as a true friend of the
oppressed, & I have daily evidence
here at all events that the Slaveholders
regard me as one of the most despicable
of this hated sect of fanatics - I am
not aware of having taken but one step
which has provoked the censure of any
portion of our Abolition friends, here,
& that was my vote for Speaker -
I confess I had some doubts about
that, but thought I was doing right
under the circumstances - It was a
hard spot - you can hardly appreciate
it, without being here - The Slave
power & influence here, is almost
overwhelming - very few can resist it -
There is no one here but Slader &

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My Dear Sir (Private)

Do you remember being mobbed with me once in the basement of the Le Roy Meeting House, & on our return home finding the house stoned &c. I trust these early buffetings in the cause of the oppressed have not escaped your memory, though you have doubtless encountered many much severer trials since - I have often had it in my heart to write you, but you have been, as I have supposed, perambulating the Country so much, that I have been uncertain when to address you - In Gods Providence, & to me it was a singular & unexpected one, I have been landed in Congress, & I am trying in a humble & quiet way, to do what I can for the poor Slave - I lament often & heartily, that a shattered Constitution, feeble health, a